

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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layer, and said cover has a sample-supplying hole and an air exhaust hole.

13. (New) The test apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said cover contacts one side of the reagent layer opposite to the support.

14. (New) The test apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a light reflection layer in contact with the reagent layer.

15. (New) The test apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said reagent layer comprises light reflective particles.

16. (New) The test apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the liquid sample is whole blood and said reagent is responsive to a component of said blood.

17. (New) The test apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a porous membrane disposed between the reagent layer and the support.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A test apparatus for assaying a component in a liquid sample by measuring a reflected light, comprising a support having a through hole or a light permeable area, a reagent layer having a detecting area fixed on the support to cover said through hole or light permeable area, and a cover which covers at least the detecting area, wherein at least a portion of the cover covering the detecting area is of a color which substantially has no influence on the reflected light at a measured wavelength.